

The true Christian was intended by Christ to prove all things by the Word of God, all churches, all ministers, all teaching, all preaching, all doctrines, all sermons, all writings, all opinions, all practices. These are his marching orders. Prove all by the Word of God; measure all by the measure of the Bible; compare all with the standard of the Bible; weigh all in the balances of the Bible; examine all by the light of the Bible; test all in the crucible of the Bible. That which cannot abide the fire of the Bible, reject, refuse, repudiate, and cast away. This is the flag which he nailed to the mast. May it never be lowered!

John Wycliffe

“We think with our feelings,” Sinclair Ferguson has said. It’s true. We allow our feelings to guide our thinking and we shouldn’t. Emotions are a wonderful gift from God. And our relationship with God should bring to our lives strong godly affections. However, our emotions shouldn’t be vested with final authority. This should be reserved for God’s Word alone.

C.J. Mahaney

I have covenanted with my Lord that he should not send me visions or dreams or even angels. I am content with this gift of the Scriptures, which teaches and supplies all that is necessary, both for this life and that which is to come.

Martin Luther

There are four things that we ought to do with the Word of God – admit it as the Word of God, commit it to our hearts and minds, submit to it, and transmit it to the world.

William Wilberforce

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.

C.H. Spurgeon

Remember that it is not hasty reading, but serious meditation on holy and heavenly truths, that makes them prove sweet and profitable to the soul. It is not the mere touching of the flower by the bee that gathers honey, but her abiding for a time on the flower that draws out the sweet. It is not he that reads most, but he that meditates most, that will prove to be the choicest, sweetest, wisest and strongest Christian.

Thomas Brooks

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Psalm 1

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The Blessed One and the Word of God

Psalm 1

Who are you going to listen to?

How are you going to live?

The verdict of eternity

The Privilege of God's Word

1. It sets a divine standard
2. It makes clear an absolute connection
3. It fuels a life of excellence
4. it details an eternal destiny
5. It reveals an intimate relationship

Are you living up to your privilege?

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Are you taking full advantage of your privilege?

Kids Notes

The Privilege of God's Word

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The Bible can help us figure out:*

- A. who is telling the truth about the world, and who isn't.
- B. who God is, and how we are to live before His face.
- C. the importance of Jesus the Savior.
- D. all of the above.

2. *In Psalm 1, the "blessed" man:*

- A. never wears jeans with stains on them.
- B. delights in God's Word.
- C. is always afraid of the future.
- D. all of the above.

3. *Those who live according to God's Word:*

- A. will enjoy fruitful lives.
- B. will be very rich.
- C. will never have life-threatening diseases.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: *How is the Bible seen to be a privilege in your family? How do you read the Bible together as a family?*

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

WORD _____	TOTAL: _____
ACTIONS _____	_____
SCRIPTURE _____	_____
PRIVILEGE _____	_____
RELATIONSHIP _____	_____
BELIEF _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

WORD SCRIPTURE BIBLE GOD ACTIONS LIFE PRIVILEGE BELIEF
 RELATIONSHIP INTIMATE DESTINY ETERNAL MAN BLESSED WALK
 SCOFFER SINNER WICKED FRUIT SEASON PERMANENCE STABILITY
 FRUITFULNESS BENEFIT MUTUAL INFLUENCE SHARE

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E S A E F E M V F K D P M J V E R
F C V R T P Q U Y E I R H A P T E
I R U F E E E O T H I O O R N A N
L I W Q F C R R S U U L I W O M N
T P M Z U V N N M D A V E Y J I I
C T U W F X O E A A I L J B I T S
R U F R U I T F U L N E S S F N Q
D R L T T X Y P E L Y E L B O I B
C E R A H S X G Q W F E N I O S L
A U L G O D E I K X I N T C C D E
H E Y T I L I B A T S C I O E B S
R D E S T I N Y K Z A Z F K T I S
T I F E N E B L J E H F C E B B E
S E A S O N A I M E E I W S B L D
G J M K S W N K N R W Z J L F E U
    
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